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Letter dated 2 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I have the honour to inform you about the wish of the Government of the Republic of Belarus to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Republic of Belarus has always been fully committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Belarus is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967.

The Republic of Belarus is dedicated to the improvement of the situation of refugees at the international and national levels and has demonstrated a strong devotion to the solution of the problems of refugees by close and fruitful collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in order to provide mutual support for promoting priorities in humanitarian interaction.

The Republic of Belarus stands ready to constructively cooperate with all members of the Executive Committee in order to provide result-oriented responses to the challenges of protecting and assisting refugees.

The Government of the Republic of Belarus hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give a favourable consideration to the present request and make a recommendation to the General Assembly to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee.

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